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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

- I. On page 1, please amend the first paragraph beginning on line 3 (after the section "Cross Reference to Related Application: inserted by a Preliminary Amendment filed June 27, 2006) as follows:

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to apparatus and a medical wound dressing for aspirating, irrigating and/or cleansing wounds, and a method of treating wounds using such apparatus for aspirating, irrigating and/or cleansing wounds.

- II. On page 1, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 14 as follows:

Background

Before the present invention, aspirating and/or irrigating apparatus therefor were known, and tended to be used to remove wound exudate during wound therapy. In known forms of such wound therapy, the offtake from the wound, especially when in a highly exuding state, is voided to waste, e.g. to a collection bag.

- III. On page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 33 as follows:

~~It is an object of the present invention~~ therefore desirable

- a) to obviate at least some of the abovementioned disadvantages of known aspiration and/or irrigation therapy systems, and
- b) to provide a system of therapy which can remove materials deleterious to wound healing from wound exudate, whilst retaining materials that are beneficial in promoting wound healing in contact with the wound bed.

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IV. On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 5 as follows:

It is ~~a further object of the present invention~~ also desirable

- a) to obviate at least some of the abovementioned disadvantages of known dialysis systems, and
- b) to provide a system of therapy which can remove materials deleterious to wound healing from wound exudate, whilst retaining materials that are beneficial in promoting wound healing in contact with the wound bed,
- c) without affecting the body systemically.

V. On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 13 as follows:

It is ~~a yet further object of the present invention~~ also desirable

- a) to obviate at least some of the abovementioned disadvantages of known dialysis systems, and
- b) to provide a system of therapy which can remove materials deleterious to wound healing from wound exudate, whilst retaining materials that are beneficial in promoting wound healing in contact with the wound bed, and
- c) is portable.

VI. On page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 as follows:

Vascular supply to, and circulation in, tissue underlying and surrounding the wound is often compromised. It is ~~a further object of the present invention~~ therefore desirable to provide a system of therapy that retains and supplies therapeutically active amounts of materials that are beneficial in reversing this effect whilst removing deleterious materials, thereby promoting wound healing.

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VII. On page 3, please insert after the paragraph beginning on line 21:

Description

VIII. On page 49, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 4 as follows:

It is ~~an object of the present invention~~ desirable

- a) to obviate at least some of the disadvantages of known aspiration and/or irrigation therapies, and
- b) to provide a system of therapy which
 - i) can remove materials deleterious to wound healing from wound exudate, whilst retaining materials that are beneficial in promoting wound healing in contact with the wound bed, and/or
 - ii) which allows fluids containing active amounts of materials that are beneficial in promoting wound healing to pass into and/or through the wound in contact with the wound bed.

IX. On page 49, please insert before the paragraph beginning on line 19:

Brief Description of the Drawings

X. On page 51, please insert before the paragraph beginning on line 33:

Embodiments